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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Chair Ben Beitin at 9:53 a.m., in the Hudson Room 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liason)* (left at 1:00 p.m.)
Jose Perez, LMFT, *Vice-Chair*
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liason)*
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*
Alyson Smith, LMFT, *Board Member*

Absent:

Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

Excused:

Mia Sena, *Board Member*
Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member*

Also in attendance:

Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*
Jodi Krugman, *Deputy Attorney General*
Rachel Glasgow, *Regulatory Analyst*
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*
Michela Ross, *Government Representative*
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

Board Member, Jennifer Plungis has resigned from the Board because she is moving out of state.

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair, Ben Beitin announced a quorum is present at 9:54 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 13, 2014 Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Public Minutes

Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board members present voted to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 public meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as amended. Voting in favor: All members present. Motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo, reported that the Division of Consumer Affairs website is currently being reworked.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill 3224

The Board members present reviewed Senate Bill 3224. This Bill seeks to establish a Behavioral Insurance Claims Advocacy Program. *Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board members present voted to accept this as informational. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

B. Senate Bill 2180

The Board members present reviewed Senate Bill 2373. This Bill seeks to require the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to annually prepare, and make available to the public, a substance abuse treatment provider performance report. *Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board members present voted to support this bill if the definition of "behavioral health" is amended to include substance abuse and addictions, mental health, and co-occurring disorders. The Board also commented that the following mental health professionals should be added to this bill: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Professional Counselors, and Alcohol and Drug Counselors. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

C. P.L. 2013, Chapter 182

The Board members discussed this law's implications on its regulations regarding renewals and reinstatements. Discussion to continue at the January 8, 2015 meeting.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Sara Wikler

The Board reviewed Ms. Winkler's December 5, 2014 e-mail inquiring if Touro University Worldwide's MA in Marriage and Family Therapy satisfies the requirements for Marriage and Family Therapy licensure in New Jersey. *The Board members present determined to inform Ms. Wikler that Touro University Worldwide is regionally accredited. The Board members presented directed Ms. Wikler to N.J.A.C. 13.34-4.2 regarding educational requirements for licensure.*

VIII. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS

Nothing to report.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MFT Regulations Committee

Nothing to report.

B. Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Nothing to report.

C. Professional Counselors

Nothing to report.

D. E-therapy/Internet Counseling Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **February 12, 2014** at **9:30 a.m.**, Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2015 Meeting Dates:

February 12, 2015	August - <i>meeting canceled</i>
March 12, 2015	September 10, 2015
April 9, 2015	October 8, 2015
May 14, 2015	November 12, 2015
June 11, 2015	December 10, 2015
July 9, 2015	

XIII. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. THREE YEAR TEMPORARY PERMITS APPROVED

Upon motion by Ben Beitin, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board members present voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: All members present. Motion passed.

1. Sebastian Bliffeld

B. 3 YEAR TEMPORARY PERMIT

1. Laverne DePeine
2. Bernadette Kowalchuk

C. SUPERVISION REPORTS

1. Mailen Palacios

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board members present moved to Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. Voting in favor: all members present. Motion passed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the December 11, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. Voting in favor: all members present. Motion passed.

